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Massy of Salem, planter, 30 : 9 : 1651;* and Mr. Massy probably conveyed it to Mr. Craford. Thomas Chubb, sr., aged about seventy-five, and Jno. Glover, aged about fifty-one, deposed in Salem court Nov. 25, 1684, "y^t that tract of land now in possession of Jno. Higginson Jun'r, upon Salem necke, whereon Jno. Pride deceased formerly lived, was quietly & peaceably possessed & enjoyed by y^e sd Jno. Pride & successors, from y^e year one thousand, six hundred fifty & two, to y^e year one thousand, six hundred, sixty & two, according to y^e law of possession as it is now fenced in excepting y^e six acres of land w^{ch} was given by y^e towne of Salem, to Mr. Jno. Higginson, sen'r.† John Pride and Mordecay Craford and the latter's wife Judith, all of Salem, mortgaged all this portion of the lot to Capt. Thomas Savage of Boston, with one dwelling house, barn and all outhouses thereunto belonging with eighteen acres on which the house standeth "on a neck of land in Salem near unto Bass river," the deed being acknowledged Dec. 27, 1661.‡ The mortgage was evidently foreclosed by Captain Savage, who, in consideration of marriage between his daughter Sarah and John Higginson of Salem, merchant, conveyed to them the entire lot Aug. 26, 1675.§ No buildings are mentioned in the deed, but the house may have been standing as late as 1702, for a cottage right is given by the commoners to "John Higginson, esq., for his houfe on the Neck where [near?] Jn^r Abbots." Mr. Higginson owned the lot until after 1700.

Gibert Tapley House. That part of this lot northwesterly of the dashes was probably a part of the lot mortgaged by John Pride and Mordecay Craford and the latter's wife Judith to Capt. Thomas Savage of Boston Dec. 27, 1661.‡ Major Savage, for eight pounds, conveyed this lot being half an acre, "lying in Salem up-

on ye neck of land neere Winter harbour enclosed with a stonewall the most part of it," to Gilbert Tapley of Salem, fisherman, Nov. 7, 1677.* The executors of the will of Capt. Walter Price, deceased, released this lot to Major Savage Dec. 20, 1677.†

That part of the lot lying southeasterly of the dashes and the house thereon were the property of Mordecay Craford before Oct. 15, 1677, when Henry Bartholmew of Salem conveyed to Gilbert Tapley of Salem, fisherman, "a dwelling house with all ye ground adjoining to ye sd house which formerly was the house & ground of Mordecay Craford, in Salem, near ye causeway going over to Winter Island."‡

Mr. Tapley became a shoreman, and died possessed of the house and lot in 1714. He had apparently erected another house upon the lot, as the inventory of his estate mentions "a dwelling house & small dwelling house a little barn and about an acre of land," valued at one hundred pounds. Mr. Tapley's administrator, for one hundred pounds, conveyed the lot and the house that then stood upon it to Capt. John Abbott of Salem, shoreman, Feb. 14, 1714-5.§ One of the houses was destroyed or removed, apparently, in 1714. Captain Abbott conveyed the house and lot, then called three-fourths of an acre, for eighty pounds, to Benjamin Ives of Salem, merchant, Aug. 16, 1738.¶ Mr. Ives became a tanner, and died in the summer of 1752, possessed of the land, but the house was gone.

John Higginson and Sarah Higginson House. This lot was conveyed by the executors of Capt. Walter Price (who died June 5, 1674) to Maj. Thomas Savage of Boston, merchant, Dec. 20, 1677.† The lot then had a stonewall around it on the land side. Major Savage built a house upon the lot, and died possessed of the

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 1, leaf 19.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 7, leaf 12.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 2, leaf 33.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 4, leaf 134.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 4, leaf 168.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 4, leaf 189.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 5, leaf 17.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 20, leaf 254.

¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 74, leaf 176.